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Woudrichem is a medieval City in the central North of the Province of Brabant. The above picture shows some contrasting elements. On the river Merwede a modern container barge; in the harbour traditional fishing vessels and in the foreground an old cannon from the middle ages, when Woudrichem was still a Vesting Stad. (Fortified City). More on Woudrichem on pages 22-23.

# Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Below are the **events and activities** organised by Neerlandia and its Sub-Clubs for 2023.

## April 2023

Saturday 1	<b>Easter Craft &amp; Karaoke Afternoon 2pm</b>	
Sunday 2	<b>Sunday Drive</b>	10.30 am
	<i>Doors open 10.00am for Coffee.</i>	
	<i>More details on page 19.</i>	
Mon 3,10,17,24	<b>Billiard Club</b>	9.15 am
Wed 12,26	<b>Bingo</b>	11am
Thurs 6,13,20,27	<b>Neerlandia Thursday Cards</b>	7pm
Thurs 6,20	<b>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</b>	10am
Sat 1,8,15,22,29	<b>Dutch Singers</b> Morley Windmills	
Sun 23	<b>Neerlandia Around the World Lunch</b> <i>(More details on page 7)</i>	
Fri 28	<b>King's Day &amp; M &amp; W Borrel</b> Myaree	6.00pm

## May 2023

Sunday 7	<b>Sunday Drive</b>	10.30 am
	<i>Doors open 10.00am for Coffee.</i>	
	<i>More details on page 19.</i>	
Mon 1,8,15,22,29	<b>Billiard Club</b>	9.15 am
Wed 10,24	<b>Bingo</b>	11am
Thurs 4,11,18,25	<b>Neerlandia Thursday Cards</b>	7pm
Thurs 4,18	<b>Neerlandia Seniors' Club</b>	10am
Sat 6,13,20,27	<b>Dutch Singers</b> Morley Windmills	
Fri 26	<b>M &amp; W Borrel</b> Myaree	6.00pm
Sun 28	<b>Andre Rieu Lunch at the RDC</b>	10.30am
	<i>(More details on page 9)</i>	

## June 2023

Sunday 4	<b>Sunday Drive</b>	10.30 am
	<i>Doors open 10.00am for Coffee.</i>	
	<i>More details on page 19.</i>	

### Club details:

*Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.*

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# The President's report



## President's Report.

WOW! What a brilliant few weeks we have had.

Our Juniors enjoyed another wonderful day on the ice at Cockburn Ice Arena on the 19th of February. This day was made special by the joining in of a new family with a Dutch Winter Olympic Speed

Skating Champion. See the report in this magazine. Later I was privileged to meet his Parents at our Seniors Day. They enjoyed their day out with our past President Lianna Parker and we were very pleased to have them in our presence.

On the 24th February, we were privileged to receive the Right Honourable Dutch Ambassador to Australia, Mrs Marion Derckx at our Maas & Waal event at Morley -Windmills. We were notified of her attendance only days before and we went all out to ensure she would be received in a very welcoming group of members.

It was a huge success and all who attended had a great night. See the report in this magazine.

Then on Sunday 19th March, we hosted the Swiss Alphorn players at our first Around The World Lunch for 2023. The sound of the Alphorns was certainly loud, but they played their own well known pieces of music, which was enjoyed by all. Our Chef Boby and the Kitchen Staff certainly ensured we were well fed with traditional Swiss food. See the full report within this magazine.

It was very pleasing to see that many Neerlandia Members attended the Funeral Service for Henk Oorschot. The Chapel was filled to capacity. There was standing room only, even in the adjoining reception area. Henk received a fitting farewell from not just his large family and friends, but also from his many Neerlandia friends.

By the time this magazine probably hits your letterbox, the Kids Easter Craft Afternoon on the 1st of April will have been completed. So too, the Karaoke for our teenagers. This is a new event, and a great deal of preparation has gone into this, which will ensure another great success and each participant will have something nice to take home for Easter. Of course, that will include their collection of Easter Eggs as part of the Easter Egg hunt. I draw your attention to three things: -

1. Our next Around the World Lunch – 23rd April – Kukuleczka Polish Dancers
2. André Rieu Lunch – 28th May – Don't miss this afternoon filled with laughter & music.
3. Those of you who have difficulties with travel, but would like to attend our functions, please contact Neerlandia and let us know. We miss your presence and if we can arrange transport for you to be able to attend, we will try our best to do so. These wonderful events are there for all members' enjoyment. The thought of you sitting at home and missing out is an unwelcome thought.

Please keep your events calendar close by within your home. Whilst we have listed all known events, it is possible that an event may be rescheduled, cancelled, or modified. Also New Events, not yet listed in our calendar may come up. Please refer to the inside page of your Neerlandia Magazine for possible changes and note these on your calendar.

As always, I encourage members to remain vigilant with your health. Covid is still in the Community, and it is mutating all the time. Recently I saw a Health report which was rather frightening. It underscored the necessity to keep oneself healthy, because once your immune system is down, you become vulnerable to ever present existing and new emerging pathogens, which invade and take over parts of our body. So, treat your health as if it were GOLD.

**John Zwartkruis,  
President**

# The Neerlandia Juniors go Ice Skating

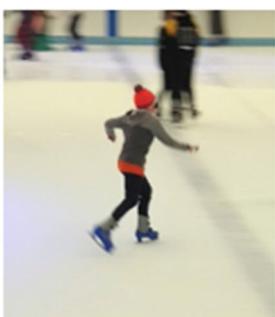


## Neerlandia Ice Skating & Dinner February 2023



On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of February, the Neerlandia Juniors club held their bi-annual Ice skating and Dinner event at the Cockburn Ice Arena with a wonderful turnout of enthusiastic skaters and spectators that enjoyed the refreshingly cool temperatures inside the complex.

We were joined by a new family who have only recently moved to Perth from Heerenveen in Friesland. One of whom is not a stranger to being on the ice as he has represented Nederland in two Olympic Games and won Bronze for speed skating!



*We went to ice skating, because that is a good event to break the ice. Especially if you are treading on thin ice. Overall the day was good, because we got to hang out with friends for 5 hours. Skating while there was music in the background just made the experience more exhilarating. Afterwards we all went to the Cabin 401 Bar where we each ate a meal after our long day at the office. Personally, the dish I ordered was actually devine, and I'm looking forward to the next ice-skating event in Mid-August.*

~ Justin van der Stelt, Juniors Club Member

# The Neerlandia Juniors go Ice Skating



If ice skating isn't your thing, then join us at the Cabin 401 Canadian-themed restaurant for dinner afterwards, where you have a birds-eye view of Ice Hockey matches being played outside the window.



Our next visit to the Cockburn Ice Rink will be in August this year. Further details will be posted in the Events section of our website [www.dutchclubwa.com](http://www.dutchclubwa.com) We hope to see you there!

## **CHANGES TO AVAILABILITY OF DUTCH LIQUOR.**

Due to decreased demand, I have decided to only carry a few bottles of Jonge Jenever and Advocaat. To make sure that there is always enough stock, the maximum number of bottles I can provide per person will be 2 Advocaat and 1 Jenever.

I am happy to order bigger quantities for you but only after prior arrangements. That way I can provide promptly to the handful of people still contacting me for Dutch liquor. You can also order directly from Nick's wine merchant at: [www.nicks.com.au](http://www.nicks.com.au)

***Every order over \$200 is free of delivery costs.***

In addition to Jonge Jenever and Advocaat, I have currently still available:

- # 1 Coebergh Bessen Likeur \$45
- # 1 Hartevelt Citroen Brandewijn \$50
- # 1 Hartevelt Citroen jenever \$60
- # 1 kruik Oude Jenever \$75

Again, once these bottles are gone, I will only have Jonge Jenever (\$65 each) and Advocaat (\$23 each) available.

I will be away from 10 May to 5 June, so please consider this when contacting me for your Dutch liquor order.

Proost!

**Lianna Parker**

## **THANK YOU.**

*On behalf of my wonderful family and myself, I say thank you for all the tributes, cards, and especially the attendance by so many, at Henk's send-off service.*

*It was all overwhelming for me. So, my family and I say THANK YOU to everyone.*

**Riet Oorschot & Family.**

## **Do you require Assistance?**

**If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, you may become bewildered by the many things you now need to do.**

Know, that amongst the Neerlandia Members, there are people, who have the expertise to assist you.

Please contact one of the Neerlandia Committee Members and they we will put you into contact with the people, who can assist.

**The Neerlandia Committee.**

## **DUTCH AUSTRALIANS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH STUDY**

**Australian and Dutch** researchers are investigating links to a hereditary brain disease that causes (micro) bleeds, stroke, and cognitive impairment. We know family members from the Netherlands who moved to Australia had this genetic condition.

Researchers are looking for individuals with a family history of strokes or brain bleeds to take part in this international research being conducted in Perth, Western Australia. Travel and associated costs will be reimbursed.

To find out more contact Dr Samantha Gardener on (08) 6457 0419 or [s.gardener@ecu.edu.au](mailto:s.gardener@ecu.edu.au).

For more information and to register your interest, visit the web link below.

[alzheimers.com.au/track-d-caa-study/](http://alzheimers.com.au/track-d-caa-study/)



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# Around the World to Polish Lunch on 23 April



## Around the World Lunch – SUNDAY Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

Come for another Cultural Experience and Cuisine from another part of Europe.

12:30 PM Lunch  
Doors open 11:30 AM.

We have invited our Polish Friends who will join us with the Kukuleczka Dancers entertaining us.

**Our Menu will be styled on a Polish theme.**

**Our surprise lottery will once again be part of proceedings so be sure to be there.**

**Tickets are needed for this event and are available from John (Jan) Zwartkruis President & Events Coordinator for Neerlandia.**

**This event is once again subsidised by your Neerlandia Committee.**

**Full Financial Members only \$25.00 and Non (financial) Members \$50.00**

**Book early to avoid disappointment.**

**Bookings:** Phone John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or send an email to [terjohnz@gmail.com](mailto:terjohnz@gmail.com)

**OR** contact any Neerlandia Committee Member listed in the back of this magazine or your Club-Coordinator.

Bookings can also be requested through [neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com](mailto:neerlandia@dutchclubwa.com)

# The Bingo Page



## NEERLANDIA BINGO

Doors open at 10am. Eyes down at 11am.



**Coffee and tea and biscuits are provided: Self Service.  
Lunch: A bowl of soup and a bun will cost you \$7.50.**

The next games are on 15/03/2023 and 29/03/2023.



**Bingo on 01/03/2023**

We had 34 players on the 1st of March, of which 2 played for free. They were **Henk Smit and Tiny Swart**. The Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to **Henk Uyen** and the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates went to **Jo van Gentevoort**, these winners did well. The Jackpot prize of \$86 did not go off within the required 51 balls and the jackpot will grow at our next game. Game 2, the bonus \$25 game was shared by **Greta van Sant and Marion Gerritsen**, they each received \$22.50. In game 9 something that doesn't happen very often, there were 5 winners for the 3 right hand end numbers and the \$5 was split 5 ways and they all received \$1, which caused quite a bit of laughter. All in all it was a fun day for everyone.



**Bingo on 15/03/2023**

We had 37 players and two of them played for free. They were **Bill Deugd and Babette van Dijk**; the Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to **Tinie Deugd** and the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero went to **Ria Nissen**, well done all those winners. In game 2 we had 3 winners for the middle line **Anne Roy, Connie van Emden and Tiny Swart**, well done. In game 5 we had 2 winners for the 3 left end numbers: **Riet Oorschot and Nelly van der Heiden**, well done. In game 6, the bonus game, we had 2 winners for the full house, they were **Thea Bloks and Janice Raffaele** and they each collected \$24.50 each. In game 7 we also had 2 winners for the full house. They were **Ineke Balde and Mia Boshart** and they collected \$12.00 each. The Jackpot of \$99.00 did not go off within the required 52 balls and the game reverted to a full house, which was picked up by **Dirk Heistek and Carol van Rijssdyk**. They collected \$24.50 each.

On the next gameday, the jackpot will need 53 ball or less to win it.

It was a great day and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. If you have any questions or you would like to join us feel free to contact one of our hosts, we would love to have you join us, the more players there are the higher the prize money, so join us have some fun and you could have a win.

Hosts: John Zwartkrijs & George van Beek (standing in for Lou James)

Enquiries to John: 0434 620 252 or Lou: 0427 018 777

## An Afternoon Lunch with André Rieu

**Sunday 28th May 2023, 10:30AM**

**Rhein Donau Club, 110 North Lake Rd, MYAREE**



**Everyone enjoys the wonderful Music from André Rieu**

**& His Johan Strauss Orchestra.**

**We begin with Coffee at 10:30AM followed at 11:00AM by a selection of some of his very best video presentations, all on a VERY LARGE SCREEN.**

**This is followed by a delicious lunch starting at 1:00PM.**

**If you enjoyed last year, you are in for an even better experience this year.**

**If you missed last year, make sure you don't miss this year. You will have a good belly laugh through the theatrical antics of the orchestra as well as enjoy the beautiful music, the wonderful costumes, palaces, and scenery.**

**This event is once again subsidised by your Neerlandia Committee.**

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# Report on Around the World Lunch held 19 March



**Around The World Lunch – Sunday 19th March.**  
On Sunday 19th of March, we enjoyed another pretend holiday without having boarded an aeroplane to get to this faraway place. We were in the beautiful Swiss Alps with the Matterhorn, Jungfrau, Glacier Express, Swiss Cows, Swiss Sheep, herds of Deer, lots of Yodelling and the Swiss Alp Horn players. We saw Interlaken, Montreux, Grindelwald, Mountain climbers and sky divers. It was an escape from our Perth surroundings for just those few hours,

but it was enjoyed by all. The trip home was short and sweet.

Our Chef Boby and the Kitchen Staff certainly ensured we were well fed with traditional Swiss food such as Gebäckener Camembert (Baked Camembert Cheese) as an Entrée and Zürcher Geschnetzeltes (Zürich stew made with Veal, Mushrooms in a white sauce made with white wine and fried potato) and a crispy salad. Desert was Apple strūdel with Vanilla Bean Gelato.

The usual preparations were completed by our ever dependable Hannie & Toon Kamps. The Edelweiss Hall looked very inviting.

Members were kept entertained via a video put together by myself, which featured all the various things listed above. It literally transported you to the beautiful Swiss Countryside, as if you were there in person.

Our raffle was enjoyed again by all. At least 1 out of 2 members went home with a prize. It was indeed fitting that two of our Alphorn Players received a prize to take home. One of the ladies had asked about how to drink Advocaat. She was suitably instructed by ladies around her on the procedure. She then



# Report on Around the World Lunch held 19 March

sampled a glass from the bar, which she enjoyed. And then, she was one of the lucky ones to win and take a bottle of Advocaat home.

Even one of our newest members was selected by the Alphorn Players to ring the Giant Swiss Cow Bell. Well done, Dennis. You kept perfect timing and gave yourself a good workout.

There were members who for various reasons could not be there but would otherwise have attended this event. However, we believe there are many of you who miss out on these wonderful events, and all because of one simple reason. That is, your difficulty in getting transport to be with us. If this applies to you and would like to attend future events, please advise Neerlandia and we will do our very best to arrange transport of some kind, so that you too can enjoy these events as well as sharing the friendship of your old friends and acquaintances.

**John Zwartkruis,**  
**President & Events Coordinator.**





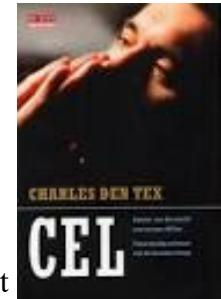
## NEERLANDIA BOEKHOEK

### Boekbespreking: "Cel" door Charles den Tex.



Wat gebeurt er als iemand je identiteit stelt? Als er iemand rondloopt met jouw paspoort, een auto op jouw naam heeft geregistreerd, heb je zonder dat je het weet een probleem. Maar als die onverlaat dan ook nog eens een dodelijk verkeersongeluk veroorzaakt, dan komt de politie langs en dan weet je dat je echt een probleem hebt. Charles den Tex heeft over het stelen van persoonlijke identiteiten en de manier waarop criminelen en terroristen van die gestolen papieren gebruik maken, een heel erg goede thriller geschreven.

In 'Cel' wordt de identiteit van Michael Bellicher gestolen. Hij komt er achter dat er iets grondig mis is, als hij verdacht wordt van een dodelijk ongeluk. Hij wordt verhoord en vervolgens aangehouden door de politie. Het blijkt dat hij in Monster, een dorp in het Westland, is doorgereden na een aanrijding, waarbij een fietser om het leven is gekomen. Maar daar was hij helemaal niet, weet Bellicher. Maar geen agent gelooft hem. Bellicher moet tegenover politie en justitie bewijzen dat iemand zijn identiteit heeft gestolen. Op die speurtocht komt hij er achter dat het geen alledaagse criminelen zijn die zich hiermee bezighouden. Zijn naam is zelfs doorverkocht aan een schimmige instelling die banden lijkt te hebben met internationale terroristen.



Bellicher was ook de hoofdpersoon in het vorige boek van Charles den Tex, 'De macht van meneer Miller', waarvoor de schrijver voor de tweede keer de gouden strop won. Met deze hoofdpersoon lijkt Den Tex het helemaal te hebben gevonden. De snelle taal die Den Tex gebruikt, past precies bij zijn hoofdpersoon, een Amsterdamse bedrijfsadviseur. Verder is het niet alleen de spanning die door de auteur prachtig wordt opgebouwd. Het zijn ook de bijkende humor en de vreemde vogels in het boek die boeien. De beschrijvingen van de glazen stad liegen er verder niet om. De deprimerende kerktorens die boven de kassen uitsteken, worden al net zo goed beschreven als de dwaalweggetjes die overal en nergens door het Westland lopen.

'Cel' laat de lezer achter met een gevoel van onbehagen, want er zal maar iemand rondlopen die er met jouw leven vandoor gaat. Maar tegelijk is het boek een echte actiethriller met achtervolgingen, knokpartijen en militaire ondervragingen, die de lezer van spanning op het puntje van zijn stoel houdt. Een perfect boek is misschien wel te veel gezegd, maar Charles den Tex komt er met zijn nieuwste boek in ieder geval wel dichtbij.

Bron: Thrillerweb

**Naschrift:** Een echte aanrader: Onbehagen en spanning gaf dit boek mij - wat een spannend boek was dit. Ik kon het niet neerleggen. Tijdens het lezen van dit boek kocht ik een papierversnipperaar en elk stuk papier met mijn contact gegevens wordt nu versnippert. Het heeft me ook een heel goed inzicht gegeven in de waarde van privacy en hoe machteloos men is wanneer identiteit is gestolen en daarmee privacy is verloren. LP

#### Geïnteresseerd om dit boek te lezen?

CEL kan door club leden geleend worden uit de Neerlandia bibliotheek, die altijd open is wanneer de Rhein Donau Club open is: [www.rheindonaclub.iinet.net.au](http://www.rheindonaclub.iinet.net.au). De lezer heeft toegang tot boeken van zowel Nederlandse- als buitenlandse auteurs. Alle boeken zijn in de Nederlandse taal. De meeste boeken zijn niet ouder dan 1990 tenzij een boek opgenomen is in het Canon van Nederland. <https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/voortgezet-onderwijs/vraag-en-antwoord/wat-is-de-canon-van-nederland>.

In de bibliotheek hangt een lijst en de lezer wordt gevraagd naam en telefoon naast de titel van het boek te schrijven. Hierdoor wordt het voor Machiel, de Neerlandia bibliothecaris, eenvoudiger om het bestand te beheren.

Bij Machiel kunt u ook informatie inwinnen over toegang tot Nederlandstalige luisterboeken. Tevens is Machiel altijd geïnteresseerd in donaties van Nederlandstalige kinderboeken. Er is op dit moment helaas geen ruimte voor andere dan kinderboeken. U kunt contact opnemen met Machiel via [mvdstelt@gmail.com](mailto:mvdstelt@gmail.com) of assistent bibliothecaresse Lianna via [lianna.vanstraaten@gmail.com](mailto:lianna.vanstraaten@gmail.com)

Onze online catalogus is een work in progress maar men heeft nu al toegang tot een gedeelte van ons boekenbestand: titels kunnen on-line bekijken worden voordat men het boek in de bibliotheek leent.

Bezoek deze link voor een kijkje van het (gedeeltelijke) aanbod <https://mies.libraria.com>

**L.A. & M.v/d S.**

# The Seniors' Club Report

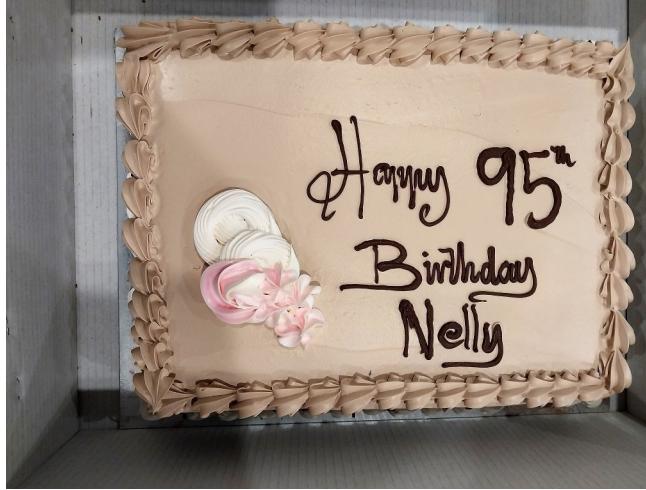
## The Seniors Club.

The Seniors Club is continuing to enjoy lively discourse over a cup of coffee or tea, followed by competitive play in a game of cards, sjoelbak, rummy cup or pool. This level of enjoyment is only interrupted when Lunch is being served. Lunch is different every time we meet with nine different

main meals accompanied by one of four different deserts.

At the meeting of the 9th of March, we celebrated the 95th Birthday of Nellie van der Heiden. She had bought a lovely cake to go with our cup of Coffee or Tea. Thank you Nellie and may you enjoy many more years.

We look forward to the return of members who



have been overseas for many months and others who had some personal challenges during 2022 but have now recovered and are ready to resume Seniors Club life. It will be good to catch up with them and continue that fellowship we enjoy together.

As always, we are ready to welcome new members into our club. If you like to play some games with other likeminded people who share a common heritage why not contact John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or by email at [terjohnz@gmail.com](mailto:terjohnz@gmail.com) for further details. We look forward to making your acquaintance and welcoming you as part of our Neerlandia Seniors Club.



# Dutch Ambassador at Maas & Waal Borrel night

## A surprise visit by our Ambassador

At our Maas & Waal event on the 24<sup>th</sup> February, we received late notice that the Dutch Ambassador to Australia, the honourable Mrs Marion Derckx would be visiting. We made frantic arrangements to ensure as many people as possible were in attendance.

When she arrived, she joined the Dutch Language class and spoke with the students. Once she was out of the classroom, she mingled with members, sat down at various tables talking with them. This was very much enjoyed and appreciated by all who were privileged to meet her.



Of course, she and her entourage of Embassy Staff members, enjoyed the Dutch treats of Kroketten, Bitterballen, or Frikandellen, with chips or in a bun. This was washed down with a welcome drink from the bar.



The kids enjoyed playing games or reading comics. The sjoelbak certainly got a good workout.

Then, the Ambassador was welcomed by the President, John Zwartkruis, and was given a small present to take home with her. She then gave an explanation as to why she was in Perth. She was going to Broome for a special Remembrance Ceremony of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing of Broome on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 1942. With COVID having interrupted that visit last year, they were going to celebrate a special event this year.



She also talked about the cooperation between the Netherlands and Australia, and specifically two projects here in WA. The first is the Liquid Hydrogen project. Rotterdam is already prepared to receive shipments for this new Green Energy. The other project is the Deep Space probe where lots of antennae are placed in a grid pattern, in a quiet outback location, and they are listening and searching for deep space activity.

These comments confirmed the advanced stage of Dutch know-how, their preparedness of working together on meaningful projects, which will improve the lives of so many people as well as the strong links we share between the Netherlands and Australia. All in all, the event was an enormous success with between 60 and 70 people in attendance.  
John Zwartkruis, Neerlandia President.



# Dutch Ambassador at Maas & Waal Borrel night



## In the name of Den Briel

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 1572, the Watergeuzen made their first attack against the Spanish oppressors. Ever since the arrival of Alva, the Spanish General and ruler of The Netherlands, the Geuzen went to sea and stayed in the harbour of Dover.

There they were able to get food and conduct trade.

That was until Queen Elizabeth gave them the order to leave Dover.

The intent was to sail towards Enkhuizen, but due to storms and bad navigation, they arrived on the west coast of Holland in the place called Den Briel, now known as Brielle.

The Spanish garrison, which was usually stationed there had moved to quell an uprising in Utrecht and only a small number of Spanish soldiers remained behind. When the fleet approached, a ferryman, Jan Koppelstok, rowed towards the fleet. When he was asked if there were many Spanish soldiers in the city, he answered that they could easily overpower them.

The Geuzen decided to attack the city on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and reclaim the city in the name of William of Orange, who had been the ruler of Holland, Zeeland & Utrecht



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## In naam van Oranje

until 1567. Because the Geuzen had a reputation for plundering and other misdeeds, the Mayor and Councillors of the city refused at first.

However, the Geuzen stormed up against the Noordpoort, broke it open, dealt with the remaining Spanish soldiers, and reclaimed Den Briel as the first city to be freed from Spanish occupation during the 80 year's war.

Alva heard about the loss of Den Briel but thought it not to be noteworthy. He would rue this decision later as other cities were subsequently liberated by the Watergeuzen. The story went around that "Op 1 April, Alva verloor zijn bril." That means, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April, Alva lost his glasses. Bril = Glasses and Bril rhymes with Den Briel.

Brielle still has a traditional meal that stems from this period. It is known as the Captain's Dinner or Raasdonder. This feast is based on big Dutch peas known as kapucijners which are cooked and then served with slices of bacon, smoked sausage, boiled potatoes, apple puree, silverskin onions and piccalilli. Raasdonders of course are known by this name because of the after effects once consumed.

*Compiled by J.Z. from the Internet.*



## NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

**Sonja Huriway**  
**Ruth Armitage**  
**Astrid Armitage**  
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**Gerda Indrisie**

When you forget to drink  
your morning coffee



**Brain cells, hair cells  
and skin cells - they  
all die constantly, but  
freaking fat cells seem  
to have eternal life...**

The following Members will  
celebrate their Birthday  
during the month of April  
2023. We wish them all a  
very Happy Birthday.

Tini	Swart
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Riet	Blom
Mia	Boshart
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Rickie	de Lange
Wim	Deugd
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Jan	Legg
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Cindy	Neil
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Irvine	Spence
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Egie	Sturley
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# Result of the March Sunday Drive

## Results of the Sunday Klaverjas Drive.

This was held on Sunday the 5th of March. A couple of members were away on holidays and had put in their apologies. Last month's two newcomers, Janke and Rita, were back once again and stated that they enjoyed the company and the attraction of the competition. They are still a bit rusty, but they are gradually becoming used to the way the Klaverjas game is played in our Club.

The first players started to arrive from 10.00 onwards, in readiness for a 10.30 start. They were welcomed with a cup of coffee with a Cookie from Coricas, which was very much appreciated.

Just a mention here, that the two cups of Coffee and cake or cookie for the players is sponsored by the Dutch Society Neerlandia. This sponsorship is very much appreciated as it keeps the admittance prices down, which in turn attracts more players.

At 10.30 am, when we were supposed to start, we had 15 players, one player short. We had just explained that the game would be played with three tables and 3 Invallers (reserve players), when in walked Henk Smit. That gave us 16 players and 4 complete tables and we could start. After two games were played, it was time for lunch, of course with a cuppa.



**The Winners.** Centre Bettina Tonkin, 1st Prize;  
On the right, Piet Segers, 2nd Prize and  
on the left, Piet Leeflang, 3rd Prize.

Jan Zwartkruis had already ordered Lunch and shot off to pick up lunch from our local Subway. After lunch it was time to complete another 2 games.

The going was slow at three of the 4 tables but that can be expected with players that are still a bit rusty.

***They will improve over time, so meanwhile, please, show a bit of tolerance and if they do something wrong, try to explain it after the hand is completed, but do it in a nice way.***

***This will improve their game over time.***

But do not forget, rules are rules and once a card lies on the table, it may only be picked up and replaced, if it is a case of accidentally "verzaken". But that still must be done before the 4 cards are turned over.

It was great once again to see Piet Segers, with the help of a few others, to put the furniture back and to assist with washing the dishes in the bar. Thanks Piet, your assistance is appreciated.

When the scoresheets came in, they were checked by Piet Segers, as both Jan and myself were still busy playing.

After the results of the 3 tables were known, it was waiting on the score card of the 4th table. Low and behold it produced a player with the highest score of the day! Well done Bettina.

The scores of the 1st and second prize winners was over 7,000 points, which is an extremely good score, the difference between the two was 379 points.

***The prize winners were:***

<b><i>1st Bettina Tonkin</i></b>	<b><i>7453 points</i></b>
<b><i>2nd Piet Segers</i></b>	<b><i>7074 points</i></b>
<b><i>3rd Piet Leeflang</i></b>	<b><i>6815 points</i></b>

Congratulations to the Prize Winners.

***The Next Sunday Drive will be held on the 2nd of April and the one after that on the 7th of May.***

**Pieter Leeflang, President Card Club.**

# May a bit of Humour light up your Day

The secret to living for 100 years.



Asked by a reporter how he had managed to live to the age of 100, an old man explained:

"Well, son, I got married when I was 21. The wife and I decided that if ever we argued the loser should take a long walk to cool off. **So I guess I've benefited from 79 years of fresh air.**"

## Outsmarted by a woman.

A woman and a man are involved in a car accident and both cars are totally



demolished, but amazingly neither of them is hurt.

After they crawl out of their cars, the woman says: "Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left but fortunately, we are not hurt. This must be a sign from God that we should meet and be really good friends." The man thinking there might be a bright side to this, replied: "I agree with you completely."

The woman continued: "And look at this, here's another miracle.

My car is completely demolished but this bottle of wine and this glass in a box didn't break.

Surely we must drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune."

She hands the bottle and the glass to the man. The man shakes his head in agreement, opens the bottle, fills up the glass and takes a few very large swigs and then hands it back to the woman.

The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on and hands it back to the man.

The man asks: "Aren't you having any?"

The woman replies: "No. I think I'll just wait till the police have finished interviewing us."

## With age comes wisdom.

A guy is 72 years old and he loves to fish. He was sitting in his boat the other day when



he heard a voice say: "Pick me up." He looked around and couldn't see anyone. He thought he was

dreaming when he heard the voice say again: "Pick me up, please."

He looked in the water and there, floating on the top, was a frog.

The man said: "Are you talking to me?"

The frog said: "Yes, I'm talking to you. Pick me up, then kiss me; and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you have ever seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I will be your Lover!"

The man looked at the frog for a short time, reached over, picked it up carefully and placed it in his shirt pocket.

The frog said: "What, are you nuts?"

Didn't you hear what I said? I said: "Kiss me, and I will be your beautiful lover".

He opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said: "Nah. At my age, I'd rather have a talking frog."

**With age comes wisdom.**

# May a bit of Humour light up your Day

## Seniors aerobics classes.



An elderly lady was telling her friend that she had recently joined an aerobics class for seniors at the local

fitness centre.

"How did it go?" asked the friend.  
"Well, I bent, I twisted, I turned, I jumped up and down, and I perspired for half an hour, but by the time I'd finally got my leotard on, the class had ended".

## This dog is a genius.

As a butcher is shooing a dog from his shop, he sees a \$10 bill and a written note in his mouth that read: "Five lamb chops, please." Amazed, he takes the money, puts a bag of chops in the dog's mouth, and quickly closes the shop. He follows the dog and watches him wait for a green light, look both ways, and trot across the road to a bus stop.

The dog checks the timetable and sits on the bench. When a bus arrives, he walks around to the front and looks at the number, then boards the bus. The butcher follows, dumbstruck.

As the bus travels out into the suburbs, the dog takes in the scenery. After a while he stands on his back paws to push the 'Stop' bell, and then the butcher follows him off. The dog runs up to a house and drops his bag

on the step. He goes back down the path, takes a big run, and throws himself against the door. \*Whap!\*

He does this again and again. No answer. So he jumps on a wall, walks around the garden, beats his



head against a window, jumps off, and waits at the front door.

A big guy opens it and starts cursing and shouting at the dog.  
The butcher runs up and screams at the guy, "What the hell are you doing? This dog's a genius!"

The owner responds: "Genius, my butt ... It's the second time this week he's forgotten his keys!"

## Smart Norma.

A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph's Hospital. She timidly asked: "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell



me how a patient is doing?"

The operator said: "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said: "Norma Findlay, Room 302".

The operator replied: "Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room".

After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said: "I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back normal and her physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow".

The grandmother said: "Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good news".

The operator replied: "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?"

The grandmother said: "No...I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302! No one tells me anything".

# Woudrichem, the well-preserved medieval City



**Woudrichem** is a city and municipality in the province of North Brabant in the Netherlands.

It is part of the region of Land van Heusden and Altena and **Woudrichem** is the largest city of the municipality. It is on the

Merwede River, which is the name of several connected stretches of river in the Netherlands, between the cities of Woudrichem, Dordrecht and Papendrecht. The river is part of the Rhine–Meuse–Scheldt delta and is mostly fed by the river Rhine.



River Delta.

## History:

The city of **Woudrichem** was granted city rights in 1356. In 2022 it celebrated the fact that it was 666 years of age.

Woudrichem is one of the most beautifully preserved medieval towns in the heart of the Netherlands. A river harbour city, it is practically in its original state, and also enjoys a rich cultural and historic past. Although the earliest records - naming it as 'Walrichsheim' - date from the year 866, the community very likely predates it by more years still. The name Woudrichem already was in use in 1290, when it already had a sheriff, aldermen and a council. It was granted a city charter in 1356.



Medieval houses in city centre.

## Strategic location:

Woudrichem is one of the eleven official Dutch Fortress Towns: a series of strongholds that

for centuries formed the so-called Holland Water Defence Line, which was a continuous strip of low-lying land, stretching from the Zuider Zee (now the IJsselmeer) to the river Merwede. The authorities evacuated the people living in this strip and cut the dykes to inundate the land, creating a physical obstacle to invaders (the Spanish during the Eighty Years' War, 1568-1648, and the French, in 1672 when the Dutch chased the invaders across the frozen Merwede.)



Fortified city. (Water Defence Line).



Old City hall, transformed into a restaurant.



Castle Loevestein part of defence line.

# Woudrichem, the well-preserved medieval City



**The medieval Ramparts in Woudrichem are well maintained and in good condition.**

## Triangle:

The preservation of the city's history is best appreciated when visiting its ramparts. They were designed to protect Woudrichem in time of armed conflicts, which in medieval times could involve local warlords (Arkel who fought with local countess Jacoba van Beieren) and regional counts (Gelre). The fortress sits at the confluence of the famous Dutch rivers the Maas and the Waal and also forms a so-called fortified triangle with the town of Gorinchem (Gorcum) and Loevestein Castle, together controlling access to inland waterways. This triangle was one of the Netherlands' most impressive defensive strongholds of that era.

## Cultural and historic scenery:

Those visitors that want to enjoy the cultural and historic scenery of the immediate surroundings on foot or bicycle will not be disappointed.

The principal town of the region, it has been part of the Province of North Brabant since 1815, when a border realignment took it out of Holland which itself then was divided into North Holland and South Holland. In and around the region, there are other historic cities such as Heusden and Geertruidenberg and, within the Woudrichem borough, eight villages that have been well-preserved as well. Visitors easily can imagine themselves back into the 19th century.

## Fishing trade:

In recent years, Woudrichem's historic harbour was given back its original 1650s look, through a very unique restoration project. It has been designated a National Monument, and only is intended for historic ships like Clipper barges, Dutch Stijlsteven and Frisian Maatkasten. In addition to the river Merwede harbour, Woudrichem has two picturesque, yet comfortable marinas at the Maas.

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**Various styles of Fishing boats have been preserved and can be seen in the harbour.**

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## CODE WORD PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For these puzzles, **two or three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle, start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often than others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

### Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not a pushover at all and it was difficult to find the first 3 words.

But once the words: **Kiwi, Dominion and Adagio** were found, the rest became easier.

*The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:*

*A=7; B=6; C=16; D=21; E=3; F=1; G=8; H=26; I=10; J=23; K=13; L=19; M=22; N=17; O=18; P=12; Q=25; R=2; S=24; T=11; U=14; V=5; W=4; X=20; Y=15; Z=9.*

### Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

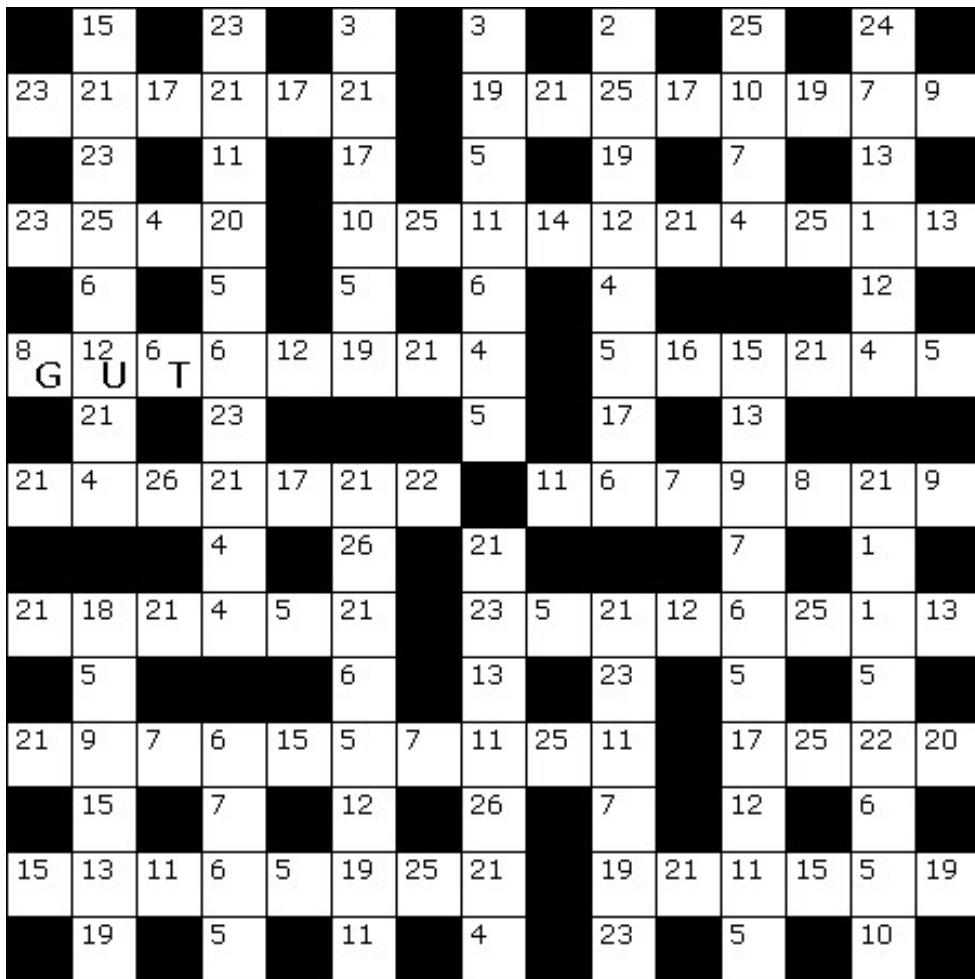
This puzzle was not easy.

I got that off to a good start with the first three words, but after that it was not smooth running. The first three words were: **Taxi, Station and Extradited**.

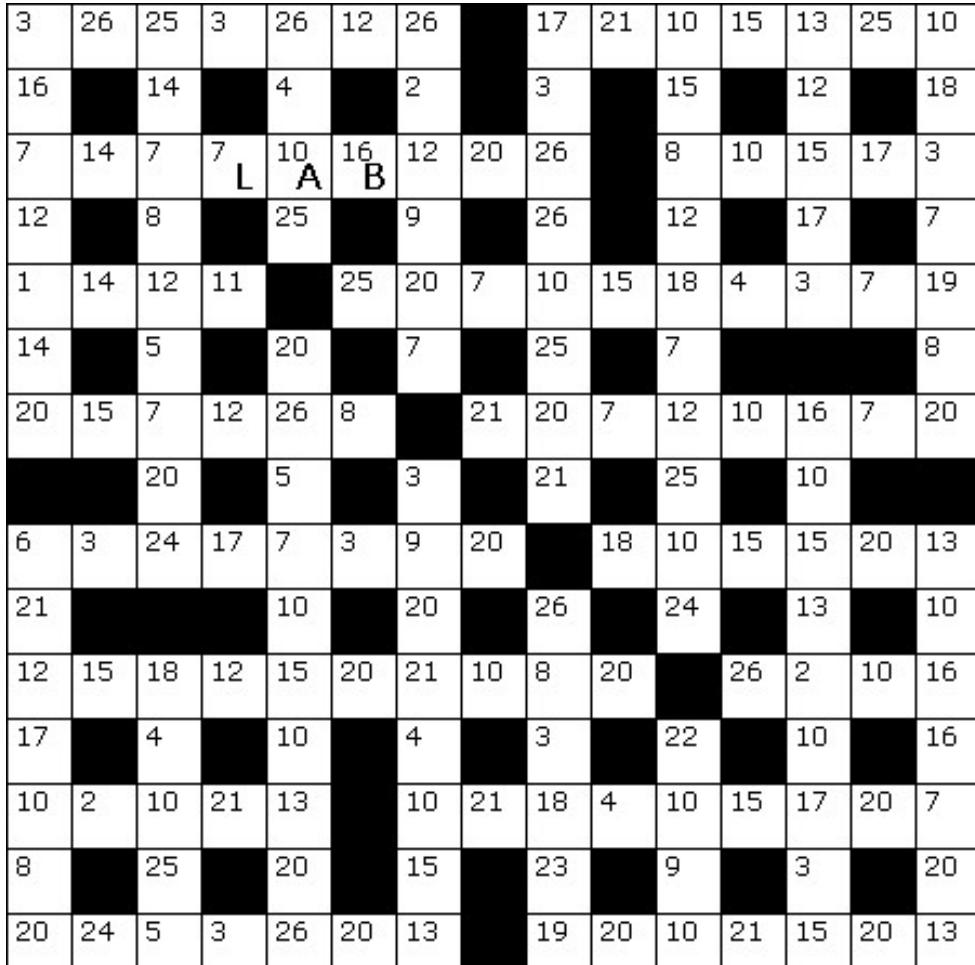
*The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:*

*A=17; B=8; C=19; D=9; E=1; F=11; G=15; H=6; I=10; J=3; K=20; L=18; M=7; N=25; O=23; P=26; Q=24; R=16; S=12; T=21; U=14; V=13; W=4; X=22; Y=2; Z=5.*

## Two Bonus Code-Word Puzzles

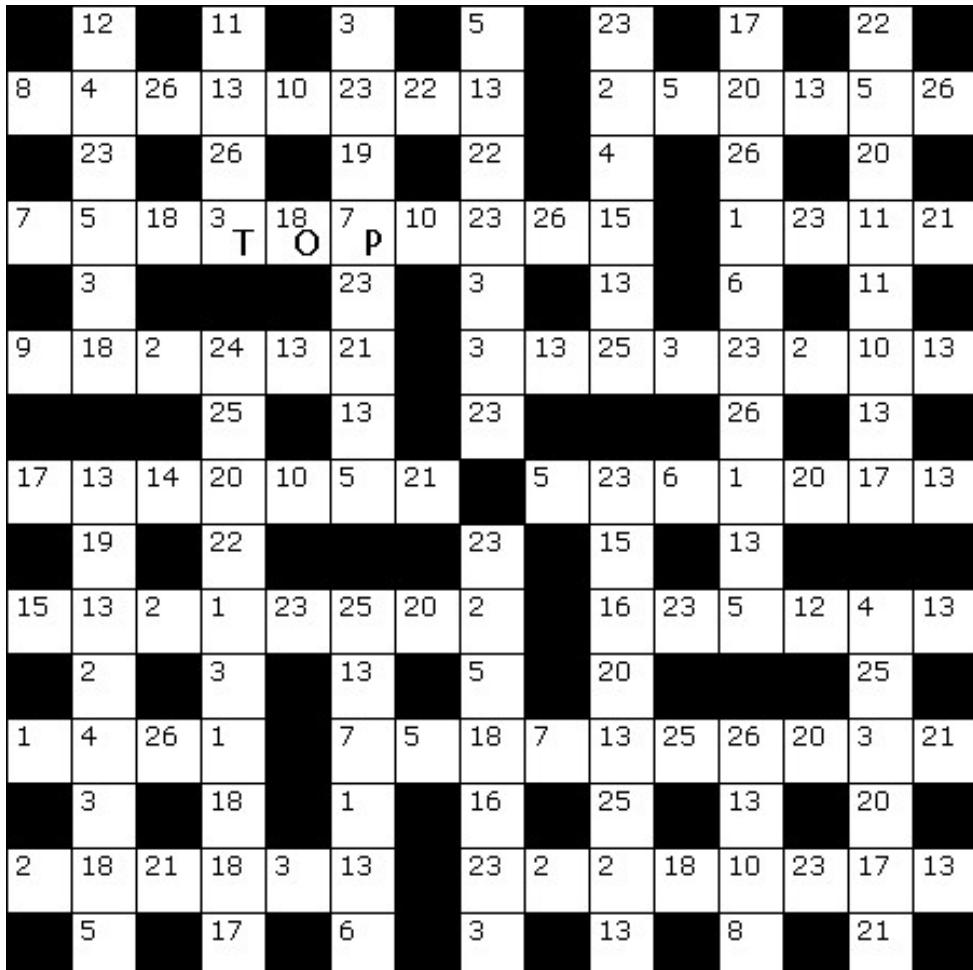


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5	18	E	R
6	19	F	S
7	20	G	T
8	21	H	U
9	22	I	V
10	23	J	W
11	24	K	X
12	25	L	Y
13	26	M	Z



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8	21	H	U
9	22	I	V
10	23	J	W
11	24	K	X
12	25	L	Y
13	26	M	Z

# Code-Word and Sudoku Puzzles Page



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

## Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

### Sudoku 982 Easy Puzzle

	3											
9		2	6		7							
6		5	8		9	3						
1	5			3								
	8											
	9	1			4							
		1	2									
7	5		4	6								
4			8	3								

### Sudoku 982 Moderate Puzzle

	8			5	6			2				
7	4	9				5						
	9		1	8								
	6											
	3					7						
								6				
5			8					1				
8			4		9							

## CODE WORD PUZZLE.

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For this puzzle **three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle and then start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again. Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often than others e.g. the letter X or Z.

*To find the first three words of last month's Codebreaker was not all that easy.*

*The first 3 words I found were Colonel, Delve and Overacted. Once those 3 words were found, it was still not easy.*

*The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:*

*A=22; B=18; C=4; D=23;  
E=21; F=24; G=9; H=7; I=10;  
J=12; K=16; L=2; M=19; N=1;  
O=3; P=20; Q=17; R=6; S=11;  
T=13; U=14; V=25; W=8; X=5;  
Y=15; Z=26.*

Last month's  
Sudoku Easy 981 solution

6	4	1	3	8	5	2	7	9
2	7	3	4	9	1	8	6	5
8	9	5	6	2	7	3	1	4
3	5	2	7	1	8	9	4	6
7	6	4	9	3	2	5	8	1
9	1	8	5	6	4	7	2	3
4	2	6	8	5	3	1	9	7
1	3	7	2	4	9	6	5	8
5	8	9	1	7	6	4	3	2

Last month's  
Sudoku Medium 981 solution.

8	2	6	4	5	3	9	1	7
4	7	9	2	8	1	6	3	5
1	3	5	6	7	9	8	2	4
5	4	7	9	6	2	1	8	3
3	6	2	1	4	8	5	7	9
9	1	8	5	3	7	2	4	6
6	5	1	3	2	4	7	9	8
2	8	4	7	9	5	3	6	1
7	9	3	8	1	6	4	5	2

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